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Firefighter balances marriage, school while serving the public

Missy Calvert
senior staff writer

His shirt reads J. Martens. He is a Firefighter II, one step above a brand new hire, a Firefighter I, but still a “probie” or probationary firefighter to the seasoned guys.

John Martens, 22, originally from Hesston, Kan., is a full-time firefighter, a part-time student at Fort Hays State University, a full-time husband and the owner of a media business on the side.

Martens began his experience in the fire service through the Manhattan Fire Department’s student program in May 2009. He has been full-time for over a year, but he said he still considers himself new.

“It is an honor to be able to

“The fact that [my wife and I] are both in school, we both have at least one job, we are married and we can make it work is great.”

John Martens
Firefighter, Manhattan Fire Department

serve people when they need it the most, on their worst day,” Martens said. “That’s something that I like and I think that’s why a lot of people do the job.”

Brian Griffin, Firefighter II, has been with the MFD for two years. He said the bonds built from living, eating and sleeping together create a strong, family-oriented feel among firefighters.

“They (the other firefighters) will give you some trouble at the beginning when you first get on, but once you get over that first six months to a year, you start feeling comfortable,” he said.

While a student at K-State, Martens completed a four-week academy with the fire department and was accepted into the student program. He worked 25 hours per week as a dispatcher and rode along on calls with the full-time firefighters.

“After I got hired as a student, I just kind of tested the waters and got a better feel for it,” he said. “I knew a lot of the guys did go full time, but by no means was it just handed to me. I had to work really hard for it.”

Martens had to get his EMT certification and complete a formal interview before being considered for a full-time position.

“Immediately I wasn’t selected as one of the candidates,” Martens said. “I still pursued the job as a student. I gave it my best and within a month they had another opening.”

During that time, Martens got engaged. He married his wife, Roxanne, in July 2010. She is a personal financial counseling graduate student at K-State and works for the department as a graduate assistant.

“The fact that we are both in school, we both have at least one

job, we are married and we can make it work is great,” he said.

Martens is finishing his organizational leadership degree online through Fort Hays State and recently began his business, beRelevant Media where he does videography and designs websites and graphics. He said effective time management is the only way he can balance all his responsibilities.

“I feel like I make to-do lists every freakin’ day when I’m off work,” he said. “It’s funny because that was not me before I got married, before I met Roxy. I think she has rubbed off on me. It’s a good thing.”

For each 24-hour shift, Martens has 24 hours off. After three shifts, he has four days off before the rotation begins again.

“This job is perfect for a side business or for being a student, because you have so much down time after your work day,” he said.

As a firefighter, Martens works an average of 10 days a month, often with nights of little sleep. He said his wife is supportive of his schedule and comfortable about his safety.

“It’s not regular and it takes getting used to, but I am confident that you can have a great marriage doing it, but you have to work at it too,” Martens said. “Family is first. Always.”

About 90 percent of the calls firefighters receive are medical, Martens said, and they respond any time an injury is potentially serious.

“We see the bad things in this world that most people don’t have to be a part of,” Martens said. “It would be hard to do this by yourself. I know that I am never alone. I am protected and I believe that God will never leave me.”

Martens said he has been involved with six significant fires in his first year, but he has responded to hundreds of calls and used his EMT skills regularly.

“The ones you remember are, unfortunately, some of the bad things, but also some of the good things, which can be something simple like helping them get up,” he said.

Lt. Mike Kaus has been with the MFD for 16 years. He said there have been significantly fewer large fires in recent years.

“If you talk to the older guys who have been here 30 years, they used to have a couple house fires a month,” Kaus said. “Now our shift might have three or four working structure fires a year. We still go on about 3,000 calls a year, but a lot of them are medical calls or false alarms. The public is doing a better job of being safe.”

When not responding to calls, Martens said firefighters do organized workouts and spend a lot of time training.

“Training is huge in the fire service,” he said. “It has to be because you only get one chance and you have to do it right.”

On Saturdays, after making brunch together, Martens said the firefighters do a thorough check of everything. They wash the trucks, fill air packs, restock medical supplies and repair any equipment. As a Firefighter II, Martens also shares the duties of cleaning the bathrooms, living room and kitchen.



Lauren Gocken | Collegian

Firefighter **John Martens**, 22, works for the Manhattan Fire Department. He is also a student and a husband.

“We do work,” Martens said. “We don’t just sit around and wait for a fire.”

Firefighters never work alone, not even in life outside of the station.

“If you’re on a shift and it snows real hard, by the time you get home the next morning your driveway is cleared because the

guys did it,” Griffin said. Martens is still new, and he said it will take time to get to know the guys in his shift, but he knows he is a firefighter and

consequently a part of something bigger.

“You’re never by yourself and I love that,” he said. “Even on a call, you’re never by yourself.”

Wildcats Forever gives students prizes, promotes school pride

Claire Carlson
contributing writer

Editor’s Note: This story was produced as a class assignment for the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Wildcats Forever is a fast-growing program on campus that engages current students and gets them connected with the K-State Alumni Association while they are still enrolled at K-State.

Among the benefits of joining, students can receive a membership kit with a K-State T-shirt, a Wildcat glass cup, local business coupon card and the opportunity

to win many giveaways throughout the year. If the member is a distance education student, or enrolled at the Salina or Olathe campuses, the membership kits can be mailed. Wildcats Forever members on the main campus in Manhattan can also study in the K-State Alumni Center and receive complementary study snacks during finals week.

“Studying in the Alumni Center during finals week is the best. It is defiantly ten times quieter and much less crowded than the library,” said Shelby Storrie, junior in animal science.

The \$20 membership fee is used for publicity and promotion, as well as to purchase give-

away prizes and the membership kit.

“Wildcats Forever is a great way to get involved and show school spirit and for only \$20, you get more out of the program than you put in,” said Andrea Bryant Gladin, director of alumni programs.

There are two main events that give away items to Wildcats Forever members, “Big 12 Fridays” and “Wear Your Shirt” days. These events happen throughout the entire school year, typically before a big athletic event.

“Big 12 Fridays” occur each Friday prior to a home Big 12 football game and Wildcats Forever members who are spotted

on campus wearing their shirt are given a prize such as a glass cup, new T-shirt, or gift certificate. All winners from “Big 12 Fridays” are then entered in a grand prize drawing that is given away after the final home game of the season.

“This year I won Chipotle coupons good for two burritos, chips, guacamole and drinks. I was so pumped when I got the email, I never win anything,” Storrie said.

On “Wear your Shirt Days,” students who wear their Wildcats Forever shirts are invited to get free treats, such as ice cream floats, or BEAT shirts before a big game.

“On Sept. 22nd from 9:30-11:30 in Bosco Plaza, there will be free Panera bagels for those students who wear their shirts,” Bryant Gladin said.

Later this year, Wildcats Forever will host a bus trip to an away K-State game.

“Each year, Wildcats Forever sponsors a road trip to a K-State football or basketball game at a highly reduced price,” said Eli Schooley, junior in microbiology and Student Alumni Board member. “Food is provided and it’s a great opportunity to meet fellow K-State fans.”

Wildcats Forever is led by the programs department in the Alumni Center and by the Stu-

dent Alumni Board.

“Besides promoting Wildcats Forever and helping with the behind-the-scenes logistical work, Student Alumni Board members give away prizes to members on ‘Wear Your Shirt’ days throughout the year and help with other Wildcats Forever events,” Schooley said.

As of Sept. 16, there were 1,020 members in Wildcats Forever and that number is on track for having record participation this year.

For more information on Wildcats Forever, or to join, call the K-State Alumni Center at (785) 532-6260.

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Karen Ingram
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Tickets are available for Thai Festival '11. The Thai Student Association is hosting a dinner showcasing Thai cuisine this Saturday at 5:30 in the ECM Building, 1021 Denison Ave. Tickets are selling fast. They may be purchased in the K-State Student Union from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every day until the dinner for \$11. For more information, contact Sarinya Sungkatavat at sarinya@ksu.edu

Award-winning author Susan Campbell Bartoletti will be speaking at the Manhattan Public Library tomorrow. Bartoletti specializes in nonfiction books for teens and tweens, including "Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow" and "They Called Themselves the KKK." Bartoletti won the 2011 William Allen White Award for her book "The Boy Who Dared," a true story about a Mormon youth in Nazi Germany who disagreed with the treatment of Jews and worked for an underground news organization until he was captured. Children are welcome to attend the event, which is free and open to the public. It will be in the library's auditorium at 7 p.m. For more information call the Manhattan Public Library at 785-776-4741.

K-State Salina students are encouraged to attend a presentation on how to recognize and prevent sexual harassment. The purpose of the presentation is to help students understand and recognize different forms of sexual harassment, how to confront the offender and to provide information on the university's policy and procedures for reporting it. The presentation will be held in the College Center Conference Room from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Questions may be directed to Marlene Walker, public service administrator for K-State Salina, at 785-826-2611 or walkerm@ksu.edu

The City of Manhattan will have a dedication ceremony in City Park for the Partner City Flag Plaza tomorrow at 7 p.m. The southwest entrance of City Park has recently been remodeled to honor Manhattan's partner city, Dobrichovice, Czech Republic. Ed Klimek, chair of the partner city advisory committee, Mayor James Sherow and Vaclav Kratochvil, former mayor of Dobrichovice, will be in attendance for the dedication ceremony. It is free and open to the public and there will be a reception in the Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald Pavilion following the dedication. Manhattan and Dobrichovice have been partner cities since 2006.

TO THE POINT

People who tan must accept consequences

To the point is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

The editors of the Collegian discussed the subject of tanning, as it pertains to the subject of one of our articles. Several of us have tanned, whether on purpose or just as a by-product of spending time doing outdoor activities, but whether or not tanning is a good thing is a complicated answer.

The general consensus is that tanning "looks good" because it is a trend that has been popular for many years. We have all grown up with images of bronzed beauties on TV and in other forms of media and it is a widely accepted "look." However, we have also grown up with sunblock commercials, pamphlets and news articles warning us about the dangers of skin cancer associ-

ated with too much exposure to sun or tanning beds. There is no doubt in the minds of the Collegian editors, as we are sure it is with our readers, that tanning is a potentially harmful activity.

But how much is too much? Does "budgeting" your time in the tanning bed help over time? These are difficult answers, because science is still exploring the effects and because each person's skin is unique. There is no easy answer.

However, one thing is certain: if you choose to tan because you want to "look good," you must be willing to accept the consequences of your actions. You will damage your skin — it will age differently than it normally would because of your activities. Regardless of your chances of getting cancer, sun damage is inevitable, whether it shows right away or not. It will catch up with you in the long run.

Fort Riley Apple Day Festival expected to entertain visitors

Eric Gaulin
contributing writer

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

The 11th Annual Fall Apple Day Festival is coming to Fort Riley this Saturday. The festival began as two separate events — the Fall Festival and Fort Riley Apple Day — and were merged into one event in 2000. Approximately 7,000 people are expected to attend the event, which will be held at the Artillery Parade Field on Main Post from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Apple Day Festival is hosted and run by the Fort Riley Historical and Archaeological Society.

Approximately 2,000 pies, made by volunteers, will be sold or eaten at the event. Pies are available both whole and by the slice and are even available frozen and ready to take home.

"The JROTC keep things under control," said Kim Wagenblast, coordinator for Fort Riley Ghost Tours. "We don't know what we would do without them. The whole thing probably couldn't happen."

Activities will include a treasure hunt, petting zoo, expo tent, food provided by

family readiness groups, fire and safety displays, an obstacle course, weapons firing, paintball, and Humvee and all-terrain vehicle rides.

"We will be offering short ghost stories to wet the appetite of the guests," Wagenblast said.

A Community Health Experience tent will be provided by Medical Activity and Irwin Army Community Hospital offering public health education and awareness to all attendees, as well as a flu tent providing annual H1N1 and season flu vaccines to Department of Defense beneficiaries. The festival is free and open to the public. Pets are not allowed.

CITY COMMISSION

City Commission votes on issues

Jakki Thompson
staff writer

Mayor James Sherow declared Oct. 3 would be the 2011 World Habitat Day for the Manhattan branch of Habitat for Humanity at the city commission meeting on Tuesday. The Manhattan branch of Habitat for Humanity will be building their first home since 2009 for a military family.

The consent agenda brought many new approvals for the city. Ordinances surrounding issues like emergency snow removal, the address numbering system and mobile ice cream vending operations were all approved. Also, key issues were brought up for discussion. The East Miller Sewer Project will receive the funds it needs to finish the Claflin Road aerial crossing sewer pipes so the sewage

no longer freezes and backs up during the winter. Also, the improvements for the U.S. Highway 24 and Manhattan Town Center Mall entrance intersection improvements were approved. The funding is coming from a Kansas Department of Transportation grant to make geometric improvements. To help traffic flow, there will be two right turn lanes going to Wamego, from both directions, to be completed during the summer of 2013.

During the regular agenda, the first phase of the new Traffic Operations Facility building was approved with a 4-0 vote. The previous facility was destroyed by a microburst in August of 2010. The Traffic Operations faculty put up new traffic signs, operate school zone flashers, traffic lights, manage sign repair and replacement and

paint all of the street lines in the city of Manhattan. Even with a small staff of only six people, these are the people who make sure that the street signs are up to date and all lights are working properly.

The final item on the regular agenda was the naming recommendations of the South End Park. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the name of "Blu Earth Plaza", and brought that forth as their primary choice. The city commissioners voted to keep the name, but to spell it as "Blue Earth Plaza". This name was chosen to honor the American roots of the native peoples of the region. The native people called the land in this region blue earth because when the Blue River intersected with the Kansas River, the earth and clay contained blue hues.

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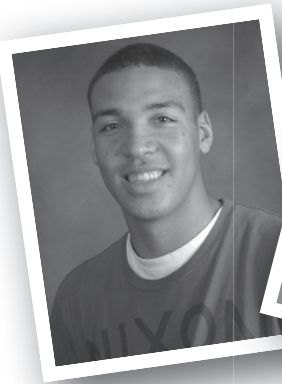
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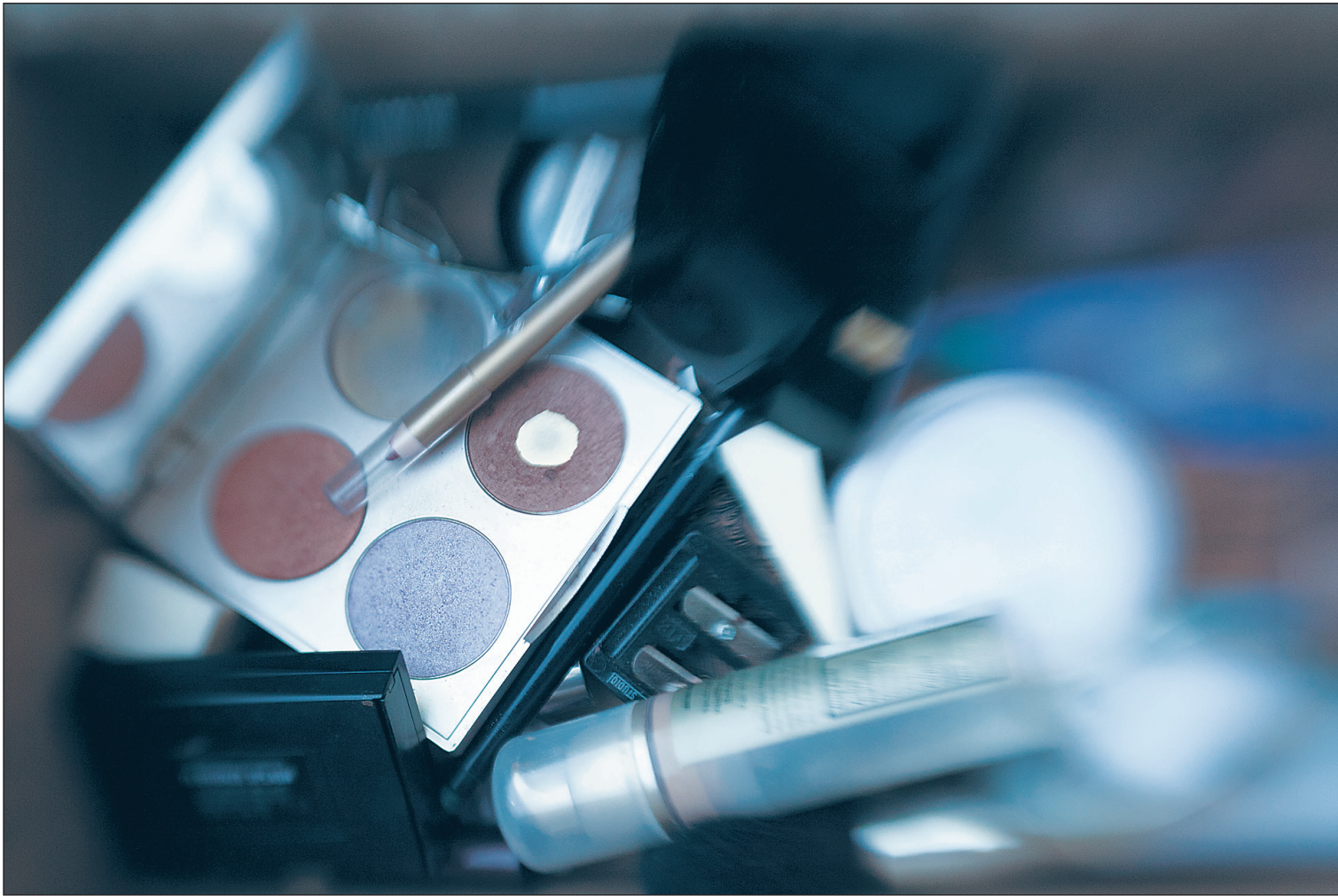
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Cosmetics lack regulation, consumers should know



Lauren Gocken | Collegian

Cosmetic companies do not have to follow regulations when making their products. To ensure the quality of your beauty products, check make-up reviews online and read the labels on the products.



Jakki Thompson

Recently, some radio programs have brought up concerns about how the cosmetic industry does not have regulations to follow. Meaning, companies that create cosmetics, lotions, fragrances, sunscreen, or shampoos and conditioners have no federal laws prohibiting what they put into their products. The radio station recommended people go to the Skin Deep website, ewg.org/skindeep/, which breaks down the ingredients in more than 65,000 products and explains what is in them and how bad they are for your body.

Skin Deep was created by the Environmental Working Group to

show people information about the everyday exposures to chemicals in cosmetics and personal care products. The website has a large range of products to view that are judged on a one to 10 scale. It breaks down all of the chemicals in a certain product and tells you what they are doing to your body as you are ingesting them, just by wearing the product. The website also offers suggestions on how to change what you are doing to be better off in the future.

For example, Covergirl Volumizing Mascara in black is a popular type of mascara. Its overall ranking on the website is a seven, which puts this product in the high hazard category. According to Skin Deep, even though there are low amounts of carcinogens or ingredients that could affect developmental and reproductive health, the highest chance of reaction to this product is in the allergies and immunotoxicity category.

Some of the risks people are exposed to while using this product with such a high allergy and immunotoxicity ranking are organ toxicity,

biochemical or cellular level changes, irritation of the skin, eyes or lungs and, finally, endocrine disruption. This is just one product that people use. This is not including all of the shampoo, conditioner, perfume, hair spray or anything else people use on a day-to-day basis.

There are many different health risks associated with absorbing these chemicals into your body, for both men and women. Even though women typically are the users of cosmetics, men still use products such as lotions, colognes, shampoos and conditioners, to name a few.

One of the key concerns men and women have to be aware of are products containing chemicals that could effect reproductive and developmental health. The ingredients in these products actually increase your likelihood of cancer, as well as affecting the age at which you could acquire it.

Another risk is the human body's reaction to the product. Some of the places most products score highest in is the area of allergies and immunotoxicity. This could cause a bodily

reaction such as a rash, hives, redness, dryness, breakouts, irritation of the skin or anything else related to the skin.

When people first learn that the Federal Drug Administration does not regulate the cosmetics industry, they are often appalled. The American societal standard for women is for them to always have makeup on otherwise they are not beautiful. But when you learn things about the carcinogens and toxins that you ingest, it makes you wonder why it is so important.

Now, do not go out and throw away all of your lotions and cosmetics, which you probably wouldn't do anyway. However, a good recommendation is that you, as a learner, check out this site. Search a few of the cosmetics or brands you use, look at the tips they recommend and become more informed in the decisions you are making.

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The extent of image

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How often do you look in the mirror and say 'If I could just lose 10 pounds, then I would be happy?'

Unfortunately, the majority of American women and girls are dissatisfied with their bodies and many take extreme measures in an attempt to change them.

For example, one study conducted by Nicole Hawkins, researcher and author of the book "Resources for Recovery," found that 63 percent of female participants identified weight as the key factor in determining how they felt about themselves, more important than family, school, or career. Other research conducted by John H. McCulloch in 2004 suggested that 86 percent of all women are dissatisfied with their bodies and want to lose weight.

According to Hawkins' book, "Women and adolescent girls regard size, much like weight, as a definitive element of their identity. Some girls assume there is something wrong with their bodies when they cannot fit consistently into some 'standard' size; others will reject a pair of jeans simply because they won't wear a particular size."

After years of health classes from middle through high school, I've learned that, unfortunately, the weight loss never stops at just '10 pounds,' but continues to 20, then 30 and then 40. That is when further consequences begin to arise, such as anorexia nervosa.

"Anorexia nervosa is an eating disorder that causes people to obsess about their weight and the food they eat. People with anorexia nervosa attempt to maintain a weight that's far below normal for their age and height. To prevent weight gain or to continue losing weight, people with anorexia nervosa may starve themselves or exercise excessively," according to John Foller, author of the book "Untold Truths."

The main problem with body image is that it focuses on how much a person weighs rather than the healthy alternatives to maintain the body type that suits the individual's personal image.

It takes a lot for people to realize what image is, and by the time it is understood that image doesn't just consist of weight or waist size, it's usually too late from a health perspective. The truth is, image isn't just about getting the perfect waist size, or fitting into size zero jeans, it's about self-confidence and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

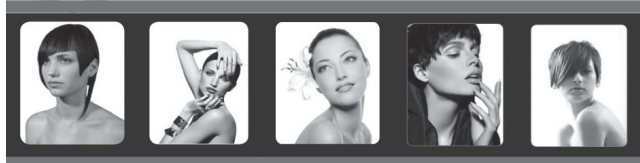
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Males have different concerns when it comes to primping

Kelsey Castanon
edge editor

Often times, it's women who strive to live up to the "ideal image" of actresses and models by doing things like dieting, spending time picking out daily outfits and taking special care of all things hair and skin related. But lately, it's men who have been pampering and grooming themselves, David Beckham-style.

"I think guys have started caring a lot more about their appearances both on campus and off," said Jordan Louis, junior in life sciences and pre-professional elementary education. "Sometimes it looks like they take more time on themselves for class than I do."

According to psychologytoday.com, a clinical study of 364 men conducted by the University of South Florida reported on reasons why men care to groom areas on their body other than their face. According to the study, 57 percent of the men said they groom areas other than their face as a "sexual appeal" tactic, while 62 percent of the men said they groom themselves for cleanliness.

Whether or not shaving areas on the body is necessary to boost sex appeal for women is up for debate.

"Girls are supposed to shave their legs, not guys," said Joe Maness, senior in mechanical engineering. "People should leave themselves hairy because why go through all the work?"

Louis said that excess hair



Lauren Gocken | Collegian

Maincures, traditionally for women, are a pampering activity that are becoming popular with men. Men don't usually get colored paint but will sometimes get a clear coat or a strengthening coat.

all over the body could be "disgusting."

Sometimes, taking care of oneself should be an individual choice.

"Men can groom and man-

scape and take time to look good all they want," said Alex Mueller, senior in accounting and marketing. "As long as you're not sporting a push-up bra, I don't see the problem with it."

While taking care of oneself is an admirable quality in someone, Louis also said she prefers when men don't take more time to get ready than

she does.

"If a guy takes so long to get ready that you're left waiting, something is wrong with that picture," she said.

So when it comes to the

topic of male primping, what are some important things to keep in mind?

Mueller said for both men and women, it's important to shower.

"If a girl smells like B.O., I will turn around and walk away," Mueller said. "So I feel like it would be the same for girls talking to smelly guys. Just shower; it is not that hard."

According to askmen.com, different products do different things and textures for different hair. Among the products named include pomade, hairspray, gel and mousse.

Maness said men should use hair gel instead of mousse because it keeps your hair "soft, with that wet look."

But when it comes to men styling their hair, Louis said men should avoid overdoing it on the gel.

"Guys say to girls, 'don't wear so much makeup because it looks better with just a little bit,'" Louis said. "It's the same for guys and hair product. If we want to touch your hair, we don't want to have grease or gel on our hands for the rest of the day."

As with women, it should be the event that determines how ready you should get.

"I'm not going to style my hair for class," Maness said. "But when I go out, I want to look pretty."

When it comes to looking good, it's not only women who take the extra time to impress. Whether the male primping will take a domino effect is yet to be determined.

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From what I have heard, you are ridiculously good looking today. On a scale of 1 to orange, your hotness ranks "orange." You're welcome.

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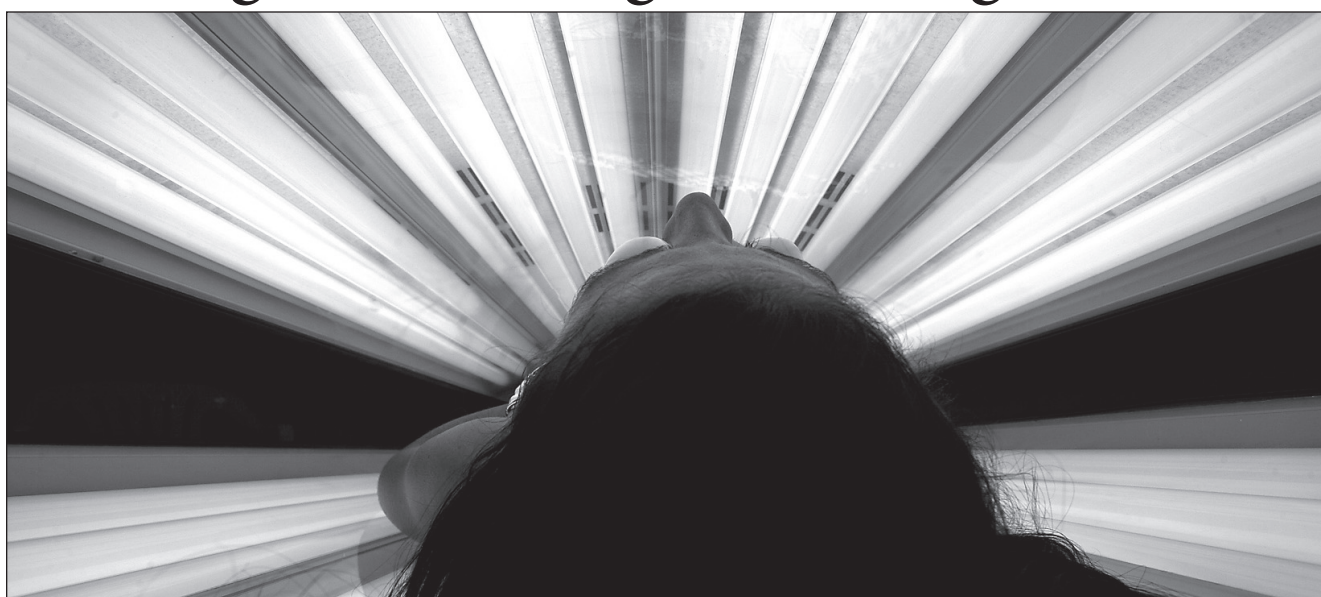
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The best things in life are meant to be free, including hugs, back massages and advice. So do you ever wonder why you often pay for such?

-Compiled by Kelsey Castanon

Tanning trend brings booming business



Chelsy Lueth | Collegian

Tanning salons are a still very popular amongst today's youth. The thought of getting skin cancer does not obviously seem to spark any type of precaution. Woo, let's get tan!

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contributing writer

Editor's Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Although high-fashion ads and models may have you thinking delicate and pale skin tones are the current trend, tanning salons and some reality shows definitely portray the opposite.

Katey Kowel, Bronze Image and Southern Sun employee, said she believes tanning is still as popular as ever. With both male and female customers, including almost all ages, the salons have around 100 customers each day on average, proving just how popular this industry continues to be.

The success of maintaining the demand for the tanning salons could easily be connected to the reality show phenomenon, "Jersey Shore." Jenni Farley, better known as JWoww from the show, now has her own tanning lotion called 'Jwoww Black Bronzer' with prices that fluctuate

around \$40. Customers commonly recognize the famous name, making the lotion a very popular choice.

But how much of an impact did the show actually make on tanning sales? According to Kowel, the customer base has stayed pretty consistent, with customers coming most frequently around spring break and vacation times of the year.

"It really depends on the time of year and the weather outside," Kowel said.

She said that during the summer, tanning salons usually take a back seat to getting a natural tan from the sun, although there are still some very loyal customers. Kowel explained why they have year-round membership holders at the salons.

"A lot of people like to keep their tan from the summer, or maybe they just enjoy being tan year-round."

Male appearances at the tanning salons, however, could be linked to the "Jersey Shore" frenzy. Kowel said that there are always more female customers than male customers, even though there are quite a few frequent male tan-

ners.

The popularity of tanning that may have stemmed from "Jersey Shore" is not necessarily due to the fact that people want to look or feel like these reality stars; being bronze is simply a trend.

There are many reasons why people enjoy tanning at a salon.

"I enjoy laying out, and tanning is a way that I can do that all year round," said Lisa Parker, sophomore in apparel and textiles.

Kowel also noted that others with fair skin that burns easily like to tan to build tolerance for being out in the sun.

Surprisingly, some customers like to tan for health reasons. According to an article in USA Today, ultraviolet radiation prompts the body to produce significant amounts of vitamin D. This vitamin deficiency is what normally draws the older customer base to the salons; to gain a sure source of vitamin D to remain healthy.

Essentially, tanning remains a popular beauty fad. Whether it is the fascination with "Jersey Shore" or simply the motivation to keep a bronze skin tone, tanning has clearly continued to maintain its appeal to a wide range of customers.

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Wine lacks in quality, redeemed by theme

"Oz Winery"
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Venue review by Kelsey Castanon

As cliché as linking the "Wizard Of Oz" to Kansas is, that's what made the Oz Winery, located at 417 Lincoln Ave. in Wamego, worth stopping by.

While the town itself is nothing to get excited about, the quaintness of the Oz Winery made me feel right at home. The ladies working were bright-eyed and friendly, which helped bring a calming atmosphere.

When you go to a wine tasting, you may expect a wine tasting room in the center of the different vineyards out in the open. Not this winery. Instead, the tasting takes place in the back of a store that sells not only wine, but aprons, cheese and chocolate. The atmosphere of the store was vibrant and exciting. I was even more anxious to get to the back of the room, by the wooden bar, to see what the wine had to offer.

Customers are allowed to taste up to eight wines for free. Available for tasting were 10 white, six red, two blush and two dessert wines. After tasting my eight samples, I was glad they were free.

While my experience with Brooke Balderson, Oz Winery owner, was exceptional, the wine tasting experience was what failed to impress. The wine was poured into plastic shot glasses, rather than a wine glass, which didn't leave much room for the aeration of the wine. Instead of the sophisticated feeling a wine tasting should bring, I felt like I was supposed to take a shot of the wine.

When I saw the wine bottles, the names were adorable. Balderson said the winery tried to be funny and creative in making the names up. And with names like Ruby Sippers, Yellow Brick Road and Behind the Curtain, I expected the wines to taste as appealing as the names were. This was not the case.

Oz Winery gives a tasting sheet with tasting notes for each wine. The sheet also references the sweetness level. I started the tasting with red wines, which are always my favorite. I picked the wine ranked the most dry on the sheet, called Oil Can, but was surprised by the bitter taste on the palate. The following wines, Ruby Sippers and Behind the Curtain, were all too potent. The only red worth noting was Ding Dong the Wine is Red, which was a bit lighter. The reds retailed for \$25 or more, way above the price I would have expected from the quality of wine.

The two white wines I tasted, Yellow Brick Road and I'll Get You My Pretty, were both sweeter whites and quite tasty, but the wine that impressed was a blush called Auntie Em's Prairie Rose. The whites and blushes were more reasonably priced than the reds, yet still a bit expensive, with most retailing at \$20.

A nice gesture on the Oz Winery's part was offering crackers to wine tasters during the tasting experience. Balderson also offered chocolate and butterscotch chips to taste along with my dessert wine samples. It was a nice gesture to me especially because I wouldn't be able to finish the dessert wine sample without them. The first dessert wine was Lion's Courage, a port-style wine that was paired with chocolate and was hard for me to put down. At \$27 a bottle, it seems the quality was not as important as the cute label. The sherry-style dessert wine, Surrender, was not as bad paired with the butterscotch taste, but was still nothing I could imagine myself drinking for \$25 a bottle. Needless to say, none of the wines left a lasting impression.

For the Wizard Of Oz-type experience, it's worth a trip to Wamego. If you are looking for a funny and quirky gift for any out-of-state friends, these bottles would make for a great Kansas souvenir. For me, though, despite the cute names, I left the store empty-handed.

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SOBERING UP

Quitting drinking goes beyond one's self control



Austin Enns

Alcohol and I have been best friends for a couple of years. Our relationship started the summer after my freshman year of college as a way to connect with my buddies. In order to have a good social life in college it sometimes feels like students have to drink. On the weekends, students may be watching the newest superhero movie, or may be at some boring, yet educational lecture, but it is far more likely that they are getting wasted at a house party or bar.

Slowly and begrudgingly, my opinions, beliefs and feelings about alcohol have shifted. As of the beginning of August, I walked away from my old habit and haven't really missed it. Sure, I still go to bars to hang out and socialize, but I set some clear boundaries. I am not going to drink anymore, no matter what, even if the drinks are free.

I would be lying if I said the change was not at least partially motivated by religious reasons. An object at rest stays at rest, and if not for a desire to become a more serious Christian I probably would have kept drinking. As you will find out, I had other reasons to want to quit, but none were as strong as religion.

I did not get brainwashed at some Christian retreat, and I do not think that alcohol is morally evil. Rather, I started to get personally convicted about several areas of my life, and I decided to make a change.

I did try to fight this shift for a while. Instead of giving up drinking completely, I figured I could merely limit myself to one adult beverage on any given night. Anybody who can do that has a lot more

self-control than I do. Unfortunately for me, I have some obscenely well-off friends who buy free drinks for other people, and my artificial limits were not strong enough to maintain my little rule.

The truth is, at the time I wasn't even sure if I could just not drink. I thought my friends would pressure me and alcohol was so much fun. Sure, I knew a lot of people who didn't go out on the weekends, but then again I also knew a lot of boring people.

Eventually, I realized that drunken fun is more entertaining than sober fun, but it is also stupid and harder to remember. I spent a couple sober nights

in Aggieville watching the inebriated masses, and I started to distrust the positive feelings I got while drunk. At the time I might think I was clever and incredibly awesome, but in reality most talking under the excessive influence of alcohol is obnoxious. Also, losing your inhibitions may be fun, but it also means you do things you will not approve of later. Starting my own personal temperance movement may have seemed difficult at the time, but now I still get to spend time with my

friends without having to feel guilty or sick the next day.

In addition, not drinking is really cheap. When I go to bars with my friends now, they spend three to four dollars per drink while I sip on water with lemon. Let me say, it is really nice not to have to worry about the ridiculous \$10 card limit most bars have.

I did not write this to prove I am better than everybody else. I wrote this because a curious friend said he thought this

story would be interesting to the student body. After thinking about it for a while I agreed to do it because I do not want other students to feel like they have to drink to have fun on a Friday night. Since the start of my individual crusade, I have talked with a lot more people than I expected who said they were trying to cut back on drinking, or wished they had more self-control. I want this article to support those people, and enable them to live to up to their utmost expectations for themselves.

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Skydive club brings the fun, offers opportunities

Eric Gaulin
staff writer

"Riding on a boat is no more swimming than riding in a plane is flying," said Nathan Henry, president of the K-State Sky Diving Club and senior in mechanical engineering.

The Parachute Club, also known as the Sky Diving Club, offers students a chance to experience the feeling of flight. There are two ways to experience skydiving with this group, said Artur Gregorian, the faculty advisor for the group.

First is the tandem skydiving; here, the student skydiver is connected via a harness to a tandem instructor and they jump from about 10,000 feet, but the instructor is there the entire time. Second is the static skydiving, in which the student goes up to about 4,000 feet, and the parachute is deployed automatically on the first jump. However, the student is more noticeably alone the entire time.

There is some basic training involved with making any skydive, but a tandem sky dive does not require a class like the static line jump does.

"A student can show up, do a 20 minute safety meeting, then go up," Henry said.

This is due to the fact that a student is attached to a very experienced instructor who will know how to react in an emergency situation. To perform a static line jump, there are two classes to attend — one four hour class on Friday



Tommy Theis Collegian

Rob Taylor, a member of the K-State Parachute Club, lands softly on the ground after falling 10,000 feet from an airplane in Abilene, KS.

and another three hour class the following Saturday.

While no license is required to make the first jump, one is available for those who complete enough jumps.

"The first jump costs anywhere from \$175, for a static jump, which covers the jump and the course a student takes, to \$185 for the tandem, which will cover

instructor fees and general costs," Gregorian said.

"To get a license in our drop zone, it takes about 25 jumps, and will cost about \$900, and depending on weather takes only about three to four months," Gregorian said.

Signing up for the club can be done online at skydivekstate.com or contact information is available at the

Student Activity Center in the K-State Student Union.

"There's no real joining of the club. If you want to come skydive you're more than welcome to," Henry said.

The only restriction is a student must be 18 or older and must weigh less than 220 lbs.

"It will be definitely one of the most incredible things they have ever done," Henry

said.

In addition, classes are scheduled and generally stop in mid-November to early December and continue once the weather improves. However, that doesn't stop the instructors and more experienced students who continue to jump throughout the year.

"It's so much fun it almost shouldn't be legal," Henry said.

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ESPN to blame for Big 12 chaos



Tyler Dreiling

I'm relatively new to the world of mass media, but I've been around long enough to know this: events need to happen before you can report about them, not the other way around. I don't even think the great Brian Williams could sign off of NBC Nightly News with, "We'll see you right back here tomorrow night, with the latest on the earthquake that will hit London in an hour."

That makes as much sense as a Charlie Sheen for abstinence campaign. So why does ESPN think it's special enough to violate the laws of common sense? Yep, I've suckered you in to another conference realignment column. If you're as tired of this crap as I am, you can stop reading. I won't be offended.

But back to my point. Remember when it was first reported that Texas A&M had left the Big 12 Conference for the SEC? Not the news from a couple weeks ago when it was actually true, but from about a month previous to that.

I was in Seattle at the time. I remember turning to ESPN to see them in "breaking news mode", reporting that A&M was a thing of the past for the Big 12. A day later, their membership was just as valid as K-State's.

ESPN, in their ignorant quest to be at the forefront of reporting, deliberately made up a story to gain some unnecessary attention.

The story didn't stop there, which is pretty typical when false reporting is involved. Once ESPN planted that seed among the nation's sports fans, that's when Texas A&M knew it had to leave the Big 12.

The Aggies still didn't know what they wanted to do when that story broke, but when all of those makeup-obsessed, self-obsessed, relevance-obsessed analysts started talking about how A&M had no choice but to leave, the Aggies made up their minds.

ESPN single-handedly lured Texas A&M away from the Big 12, likely causing the death of the conference entirely.

Why? Because ESPN's east coast bias, which can now be more accurately described as an obsession, blinded the network from caring about what has been one of the strongest athletic conferences in the country for 15 years.

ESPN's priorities lie with what is best for the conferences around its network headquarters in Bristol, Conn., the Big East and the ACC. For years, ESPN has favored schools in these organizations. Now, they've taken the fight to a whole new level and apparently don't care about the hundreds of thousands of students, athletes and fans they are threatening as a result.

They are shaping the world of sports for themselves, because they have the money and following to do so.

Whether the Big 12 lives by merging with the Big East or dies to the delight of ESPN, one thing is remaining clear in this mess that keeps getting messier: television revenue has officially and undisputedly surpassed everything as the single most important factor in the decision-making of college sports.

As a result, K-State is once again left out to dry. According to ESPN, the only schools worth saving are Texas, Texas A&M and Oklahoma. Texas Tech and Oklahoma State are still in ESPN purgatory.

I don't think ESPN will ever realize the radical mistakes they've made, but a lot of us will remember them for a long time to come.

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Wildcats headed to Miami, Brown's former school



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K-State Junior defensive back, **Nigel Malone**, answers questions from reporters Tuesday afternoon at the Vanier Football Complex at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Malone was asked if he grew up a University of Miami fan, he just laughed and hesitantly shook his head in the no fashion. The Wildcats will travel to Miami and play the Hurricanes this Saturday.

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In anticipation of the biggest test of the season for the K-State Wildcats, head coach Bill Snyder discussed his team's preparations in his weekly press conference yesterday. The Wildcats are traveling to Miami Saturday to take on the Miami Hurricanes, who are coming off a victory over the previously-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes.

K-State is coming off an impressive 37-0 shutout victory over the Kent State Golden Flashes, a game that showed massive improvement from their week one debacle against the Eastern Kentucky Colonels.

Buckeyes last week and a loss to the Maryland Terrapins in the opening week.

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The Hurricanes will be a tough match-up for the Wildcats, especially considering the fact that Miami will have home-field advantage. The Hurricanes, much like the Wildcats, are fast on defense and have a dynamic offense that is capable of doing a lot of things



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K-State head football coach, **Bill Snyder**, smiles after receiving a question near the end of Tuesday's press conference at the Vanier Football Complex. Snyder said, "It is not my preference," when asked how he feels about playing a tough non-conference opponent before the start of conference play. The Wildcats will play the Miami Hurricanes in Florida on Saturday afternoon.

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"I thought collectively we improved," Snyder said. "But there were areas where we put four balls on the ground — the wide receivers. That is uncharacteristic and things we do not like to have happen in that arena, but I think it was evident that the improvement was there. Kent State gets over-looked sometimes; they are a very fine defensive football team. To put 27 points on the board in the first half against them I thought was a very fine performance."

While K-State struggled during their first game and dominated their second game, the first two opponents they faced are far inferior to the Miami Hurricanes. The Hurricanes are currently 1-1 on the year with a win against the

in both the running and passing games.

"They have a lot of good skill sets and I am looking forward to seeing how we match up against better competition," said K-State cornerback Nigel Malone.

So far this year, the K-State defense has undergone a 180-degree turnaround from their performance last year. As of now, the K-State Wildcats' defensive unit is ranked No. 1 in total defense, miles ahead of their 106 ranking last year. The Hurricanes will provide the biggest test of the year so far for the defense, and a good outing from them could give the Wildcats an edge in the game.

"This is a major step for our defense," Snyder said. "It will be very

definitive on where we are. Hopefully we play as well as we are capable of playing and continue to make some improvement and that will give us a good assessment of where we are regardless of the outcome."

One of the storylines going into the game is the return of linebacker and team tackles leader Arthur Brown to Miami, the school he transferred from two years ago. Brown's years at Miami were tumultuous at best, but his impact for the Wildcats has been felt throughout the entire team. He recorded 12 tackles, a team-best against Kent State and he is the leader of the revamped defensive unit.

Despite the hype surrounding his return to his former school, Brown has kept a low profile regarding the situation.

"Arthur is just going about his business like he does every other day," said K-State wide receiver Curry Sexton. "Nothing has

changed for Arthur. I am sure that he has got a little fire inside of him that is burning a little harder this week, but other than that Arthur is just an even keel guy. He does not change his demeanor no matter the circumstances."

While the Wildcats have plenty of question marks going into a game against such a formidable opponent, the team is doing their best to approach the game like any other.

"I think just like any game, we are expecting to go in there and come out with a win," Sexton said. "That is the goal and that is what we expect. It definitely will be a test. Obviously Miami is a fast, physical team and they are going to have a good crowd there. It is our first road game of the year, but we expect to win every game we play. That is our mentality and we are not going to change that just because it is Miami."

Pac-12 not to expand

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The Pacific 12 Conference will not have to undergo another name change for a while.

It was announced late Tuesday night that the presidents of Pac-12 schools have voted against expanding the conference beyond its current 12 members for the time being.

This development is one of the most significant to break in recent days regarding conference realignment. Texas and Oklahoma were rumored to have been in talks with the Pac-12 about how a television network would work if the Longhorns and Sooners headed to the Pac-12, and took Texas Tech and Oklahoma State with them.

Meanwhile, rumors have also spread stating that Missouri had an offer on the table from the South-

eastern Conference, a claim denied by the SEC.

In addition, reports say that OU is willing to go to the SEC if Oklahoma State joins too, but the SEC does not want the Cowboys.

Texas and Oklahoma have largely been viewed as the glue holding the Big 12 Conference together. It is speculated that the Big 12 would break apart or merge with members of the Big East without them.

However, UT and OU have also been talking about ways to save the Big 12, according to reports. The Pac-12's decision not to expand could assist those efforts and convince other schools like Missouri and Oklahoma State that their best interests are to remain in the Big 12.

A year removed from a near-fatal shift in conference alignment for the Big 12, the conference may have a chance at managing survival again.

Two Minute Drill

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NFL:

The New York Giants took advantage of everything the St. Louis Rams gave them on Monday night in a 28-16 victory. While the score might not indicate a major blowout, the performance presented by the Rams was only a few notches above terrible. The Rams were playing without starting running back Steven Jackson and were unable to find the end zone after reaching the red zone on multiple occasions. However, the Giants didn't have this problem as quarterback Eli Manning and running back Brandon Jacobs scored three of the team's four touchdowns.

MLB:

The record for most career saves finally belongs to New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera. After pitching a perfect ninth inning against the Minnesota Twins, Rivera clinched his 602nd save which put him past former record-holder Trevor Hoffman. As the Yankees' most trusted closer in the post season, they hope he continues to have success as the Yankees hang on to a five game lead over the Boston Red Sox in the American League East.

NBA:

Yet another meeting between NBA players and owners is scheduled take place on Wednesday, as both sides continue to attempt to reach an agreement. While little progress has been made in previous meetings, the players have agreed to drop their basketball-related income to 52 percent compared to the previous 56 percent. However, the debate between a hard salary cap as opposed to a soft salary cap remains the most heated topic. Training camps were originally scheduled to begin in two weeks, but at this time it looks highly unlikely.

NCAA FOOTBALL:

University of Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops received a contract extension on Monday which will pay him \$34.5 million over the next seven years. Though no changes were made to Stoops' salary for this year, he is expected to receive a \$75,000 bonus in the years to come. The extension came after Oklahoma's impressive victory over Florida State. Ranked as the best team in the nation, the Sooners will get a chance to prove themselves once again when they begin their conference season against Missouri this Saturday.

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Former soldier discusses feelings on repeal of ‘Don’t Ask Don’t Tell’

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Editor’s Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Dan Manning, a veteran soldier of the U.S. Army, had a special connection to the repeal enacted today of the “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” policy, as he told his audience in K-State Student Union Room 212 Tuesday evening. Manning left the military after a soldier in his battalion reported to their company commander that Manning was gay.

The “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” policy, created by the United States government in December of 1993, has elicited controversy since its beginning.

The policy prohibited military personnel from discriminating against closeted homosexual or bisexual military members, but also barred openly gay, bisexual, or transgender men and women from joining the military.

“I think it was enacted with the intent of improving relations between the military and LGBT service men and women, but it got distorted and was ineffective,” said Reagan Proctor, junior in early childhood education.

President Barack Obama signed the repeal of the “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” policy into law on Dec. 22, 2010. The repeal was enacted Sept. 20.

“It really is a great day to be an American,” said Dan Manning in the opening of his speech.

Manning said that as a

young man involved in the church, he was conflicted about his homosexuality.

“As hard as I tried, I couldn’t pray the gay away,” he said with a small smile.

Manning joined the military to serve his country and studied the Chinese language and environmental engineering while he attended West Point. After graduating, Manning was stationed in Korea. He stated how difficult the burden of keeping his sexuality a secret was.

“Every day I sacrificed my integrity. I sacrificed my honor in order to serve my country,” he said.

The “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” policy was to influence Manning’s life even further, unfortunately. While Manning was serving in Korea, a soldier in his battalion found out that

Manning was gay and reported him to their company commander. In August of 2007, after a six month investigation, Manning left the military. When asked how the military proved he was gay, Manning replied that he made no denial when asked.

“I refused to lie about it,” he said, “I’d hidden who I was for eight years in the Army and I was tired of it.”

After leaving the military, Manning became involved with a group called Knights Out. On its website, the organization, founded in 2009, describes itself as, “An organization of West Point alumni, staff and faculty who are united in supporting the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender soldiers to openly serve their country.”

While Manning recognized

the importance of the repeal of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” for gay, lesbian and bisexual military members, he also stated the LGBT community’s work for equality is still ongoing.

“The fight is not over, we’ve still got a lot of work to do,” he said as he urged the audience to take part in the movement.

The repeal was celebrated by the LGBT community, but the continued exclusion of transgendered men and women from the military has not escaped their notice. When asked what the next step in the LGBT community’s fight for equality should be, Shayna Turk, junior in anthropology and sociology, said that transgender people should be able to openly serve and the military should tell the government that their service is not a problem.

Equality for the LGBT com-

munity is an issue that has been getting increased attention in the last few years. Manning said that society has become more accepting of the LGBT community and he credited that acceptance as being a big part of why “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” was repealed.

When asked to describe how she felt about the repeal, Morgan Smith, sophomore in arts and sciences open option said, “Awesome. Everybody should be able to love who they want to love. It’s not a big deal.”

The repeal of “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell” is a momentous occasion, not just for the LGBT community, but for America as a whole. Manning emphasized that injustice for one group affects every citizen.

“We all have a stake in this fight,” he said.

Lou Douglas Lecture opens students’ eyes on immigration issues

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For 31 years, the Lou Douglas Lecture Series has been bringing experts on relevant and significant issues into contact with K-State students and the rest of the Manhattan community. This lecture series is dedicated to shedding light on current social and humanitarian issues and motivating those who attend to do something to change those issues.

This round of the Lou Douglas Lecture Series featured Ali Noorani, executive director of the National Immigration Forum. Noorani, after initially making a few jokes at the expense of a certain Lawrence-based university, discussed several key flaws in the United States’ immigration policy and what he felt must be done to correct them.

Noorani spoke out against the allocation of funding to border patrols designed to catch individuals crossing the borders at the expense of strained and understaffed checkpoints.

“Billions of dollars each year are spent catching land-



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On Tuesday evening **Ali Noorani** was the guest speaker at the first Lou Douglas Lecture series in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union. Noorani is the executive director of the National Immigration Forum.

scapers and gardeners crossing the border,” Noorani said, “while ninety percent of drugs that enter this country through Mexico pass through

legitimate checkpoints unimpeded.”

Noorani also decried the deportation of immigrants as inhumane and economically

irresponsible. He claimed the deportation of working illegal immigrants from this country today would result in a net loss of 1.4 trillion dollars

over the next ten years. The solution, Noorani said, is to make a stable and responsible system for turning those immigrants into United States citizens.

Noorani recognized that for such a complex issue as immigration reform, there could be no simple solution. He emphasized that any truly positive gains in this area could only be made if everyone of all positions and walks of life work together to find a mutually acceptable and beneficial solution.

After the lecture, members of the audience were invited to participate in a question and answer session with Noorani. Many students asked a variety of questions concerning immigration and immigration reform.

Mary Estes, freshman in biology, said, “This lecture really opened my eyes.”

Having come from a very Republican family, according to Estes, her perspective on the issue of immigration had always been one-sided. The Lou Douglas Lecture gave her an opportunity to learn about the issue of immigration reform from a different point

of view.

The Lou Douglas Lecture Series is sponsored by the UFM, a Manhattan-based organization designed to allow people to educate and be educated by others in the community. UFM was established in 1968 by a group of K-State students who wanted to provide unique and accessible education for their peers.


Linda Teener, executive director of UFM, spoke about the unique opportunity afforded in the Lou Douglas Lecture Series.

“These lectures are sort of out of the standard mold you would usually find in Kansas,” Teener said.

Teener said the Lou Douglas Lectures take a more humanistic approach and focus on getting those in the audience involved and working to solve real world problems.

Teener encouraged students to come to the next lecture in the Lou Douglas Lecture Series, which will focus on the presence and dangers of human trafficking in America. This upcoming lecture will take place Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the K-State Student Union’s Forum Hall.

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